甘ノマと稲妻

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Chapter 40 | Cool Milk Coffee Jelly

The leaves on the bottom don't look so good.
Give them water before you go home.
The soil's dry.
I hope it blooms all the way to the top soon!
How many've you got?
One, two, three, four...
Not enough.
Get one more person and let's do five on five!
YEAH!
Hey, Tsumugi-chan!
Come play dodgeball!
What?

Tsumugi's playing jump-rope!
Yeah...
What're you talking about?
Let's get a boy!
Huh?
She's a girl!
Shut up.
Huh?
Hah hah!
Snicker...
She dumped you!
Yeah...
Y-
I promised to play jump rope! Next time, okay?
Lovey-dovey!
I do not! I do not!
Huh?!
Huh?!
WHAP
WHAP
Lovey-dovey!
Don't you have a crush on Inuzuka, Mikio?

Boys are really dumb.
Wow...
They're so imma-ture.
We're friends, though...
Heh heh... I don't know... I studied harder than ever, but...
Just one more day, right?
How are you two looking for finals?
CHOMP
CHOMP
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CHOMP

Kotori's trying to get a recommendation from the school.
So she needs good grades here.
Taking University Exams
So do I, of course.
What about you, Shinobu?
Wait, weren't you supposed to tell us what you're doing after graduation if Kotori and I got serious about our own plans?
You remembered, huh?
I'm applying to Aokaze Women's Junior College to study English Lit.
Pretty normal, huh?
No, no, it's unexpected.
Living alone, huh?
I like the family business...
...but I don't know about sticking around to help with it.
...
And I'm going to live by myself.

It's the opposite of what you're doing, Kotori.
Yup.
...
I feel like there's something else I could do...
I don't know what, though.

Oh, so that's why you kept it a secret?
Sorry, I guess.
It was kind of silly of me...

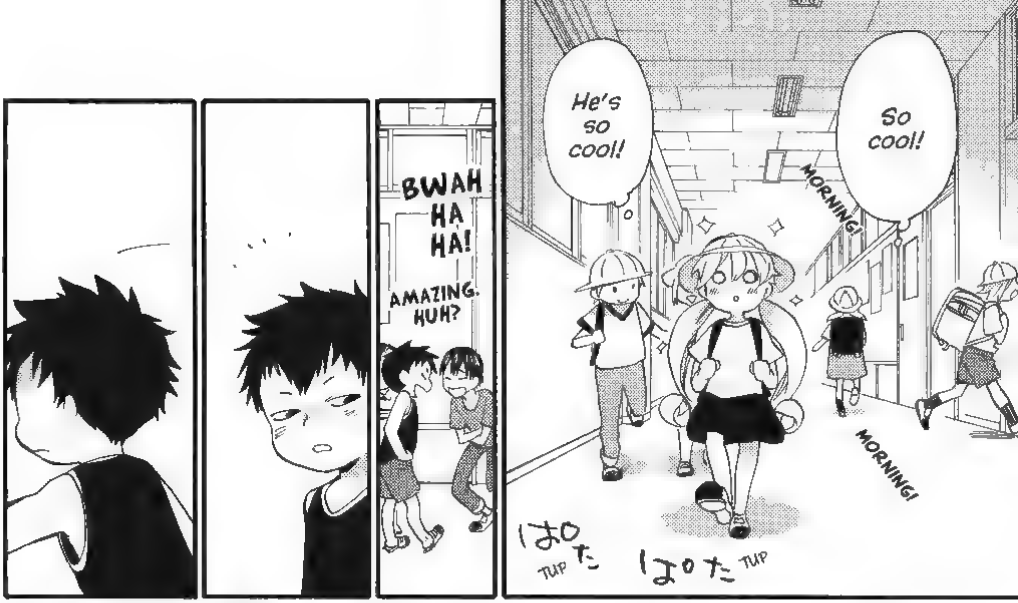
Wah! Stop it! Stop! I'm blushing!
Sh-Shinobu!!
Ha ha ha...

Hurry! Hurry!
We'll be late!
Mizuki-kun!
We made it.
Good morning!
Morning!
Good morning.
Good morn-ing!

FLASHBACK
Tsumugi, how was school?
...
Daddy, when you were in first grade...
...was there a girl you liked?
Huh?!
No, there wasn't.
Okay, never mind...
Tsumugi... is that the boy?
He's an older guy?
You like older boys...
Bye!
See you later...
HEH...
...Mizuki-kun!
You're so nice...
Am I?

Huh?
Um, why do boys...
...suddenly get mean...
...or refuse to play with girls?
B-be...
Because they're embarrassed...?
Why are they embarrassed?
I like soccer...
Why? Well...
...and the girl I used to play with likes crafts...
...so we do different things.
I don't play with girls 'cause we play different things.
I'm not trying to be mean.
Why don't you play with them?
Huh?
Would you play soccer if she asked you to?
Maybe I would...
But I wonder what the others would say.
Hmm...
It's hard...

Oh...
But then other kids say stuff?
I want to play the things I like with the kids I like, you know?
It's a pain in the neck!
He... He's so cool!
You can come to the 6th grade class, okay?
If somebody says something mean, I'll protect you.
You should play the things you like with the kids you like.


BWAH HA HA!
AMAZING. HUH?
He's so cool!
So cool!
MORNING!
MORNING!
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YAY!
Lovey-dovey!
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GOOD MORNING!

Guys like that are NOT cool!

And that's...

CAFE BAR
closed
So what, Tsumugi...
YAWN
ふぁ〜
...you like this Mizuki-kun boy?
SLURP
ちゅう〜
What I thought!
Right? Isn't he cool?
Well... Mizuki-kun... is a nice boy, isn't he?
That's not what we're talking about, is it?!
It's not?
Hey, there!
カラン
CLATTER
Yeah... He's a nice boy... I'm glad...

Didn't you see the sign saying closed?
No way.
Aww, come on!
Oh, you've got guests already.
MENU
Can we drop in for a bit?
All the cafes are crowded.
Aw, jeez...
Kotori-chan! Shinobu-chan!
Okay!
Come in!
Good work on your tests.
Thanks...
We're self-grading now.
Heh...
Do it at home.
We'll pay...
I can't concentrate at home!
...like proper customers
You guys...
Two iced cafe au laits!
I'll have another coffee.
And you, too.

It's not for kids!
How come?!
It's got caffeine in it.
Wait until you get a little bigger.
I want some coffee, too!
Coffee is a green pepper!
So it's a green pepper!
That's a new take...
If it's bitter and yucky why do you drink it?
It tastes good when you're a grown-up!
That's right. It's bitter and yucky.
'Cause...
Why are you being so grumpy?

I'm gonna explode!
If everyone keeps telling me all this...
...and then I can't do stuff 'cause I'm a kid...
...and they're embarrassed...
I can't play with people since I'm a girl...
OOOOOOH
Well...
Fine.
SCOOP SCOOP
How 'bout it?
TUNK
Oh! I see...
I know the feeling...
Right?
She's under a lot of stress from school, huh?

Hey!
It's decaf.
Mm...
Which means it's gross.
It's bitter...
See?
And sour...
Don't force yourself!
...It's good...
Grown-up stuff tastes bitter...
UGH...
There's no need to force yourself.
We're drinking cafe au laits, too.
Why not add some milk?

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Then...
Why not eat this?
...and yours is milk coffee jelly.
Kohei's is coffee jelly...
This one's yours.
Wh-What is this...?
Whoa...
Milk coffee...
Shut up. Here!
Yay!
You're so lucky! Where's ours?
Aww...
I was going to sell them tonight, so they're still a little soft.

ぶるっ…
QUIVER
Aah!
…
It's sweet!

Milk coffee is delicious!
It's got a mellow taste...
...and it's less like gelatin and more like a pudding...
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There's just a hint of bitterness!
They're both great....!
mmm...
The way the coffee jelly mixes with the whipped cream to be so squishy and soft...
I'll trade you half of mine for half your coffee jelly.
You want some too, Shinobu?
Sure.
This is really good!
Yeah.
This is good too!
You're right!
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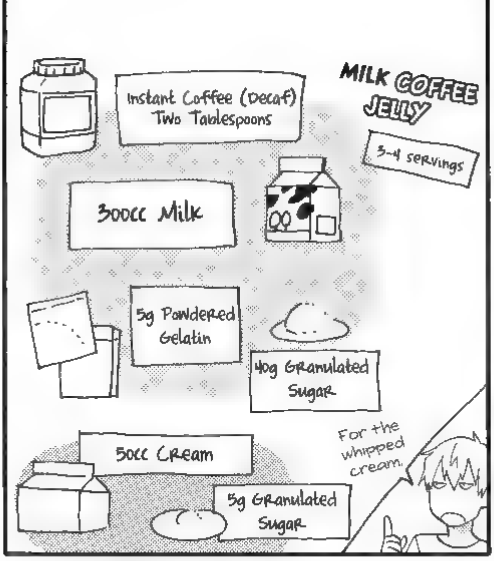
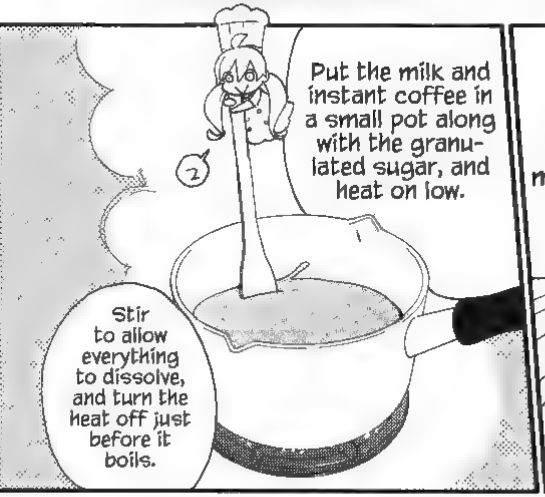

MILK COFFEE JELLY
3-4 servings
Instant Coffee (Decaf) Two Tablespoons
300cc Milk
5g Powdered Gelatin
40g Granulated Sugar
50cc Cream
5g Granulated Sugar
For the whipped cream.

Really?
What?
Tell us how!
It's easy enough to make at home.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Put the milk and instant coffee in a small pot along with the granulated sugar, and heat on low.
Stir to allow everything to dissolve, and turn the heat off just before it boils.

Let it sit for 10 minutes.
First...
Put two tablespoons of water in a bowl, and add the powdered gelatin.
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Mix carefully so as not to form bubbles while it cools...
...and once it thickens a little, pour it into a glass.

Add the gelatin from step 1 to the pot from step 2...
...then move to a bowl, and put that bowl in another bowl filled with ice.

Yup!
That's neat!
It's still coffee, but it tastes totally different, right?
We can make it at home...!
It sounded simple...!
I-it...
Memo memo..
You can put the cream on top, or whip it and then add it, whichever you prefer
Then just chill it for two hours!
A twist?
Yeah...
Like a grown-up!
You gave it a twist!
MMMM!
So what are you trying to say?
Oh?
...but you can just give things a twist!
It's a pain in the neck being a grown-up...

Bye-bye!
I thought I had it...
?
Th-that's your twist?!
Yup.
WHAT?
Tsumugi...
I don't think that just because you don't like being called a girl, you should try to look like a boy.

No, no!
I don't want to be a boy!
I want to be cool!
...Huh?

Lately it's been getting in my way when I dance and run.
And I want to feel fresher, too!
...
I guess I'll ask.
How much do you want to cut?

That much!

DIIIIING
DOOOOONG
DIIIIING
DOOOOONG
Hey!
Let's play dodgeball before we go home!

How come?!
Nope!
I'm not playing with you, Inuzuka!
GRR
Huh?
You guys are being noisy.
Stop it, Tsumugi-chan.
I'm not weak!
Girls are weak!
'cause I'm stronger!
Are you guys stupid?
Stop it! That's mean!
MURMUR
MURMUR
I'm not stupid! The person who calls someone stupid is stupid!
You like girls!
Suguru, are you taking the girls' side?
Nyah nyah!
Huh ...?

YAAHH
Yeah, yeah.
I'm rubber, you're glue!
Then the person who says somebody likes girls actually likes girls more, and you guys are being annoying, dummy!
Girls need to shut up!
Boys are such babies!
Mikio-kun's a meanie!

WHOA!
DASH
Hey!
What's that about?
They ran!
SQUEEZE
Let me go!
No!

I'm really fast, aren't I?
It's time for our end-of-day homeroom.
Hey!
YAAAAH!
WOOOW!
Where are they?
What's all this fuss?
Teacher! The girls—!
The boys—!
They're mean!
Inuzuka and Mikio—!!

Shira-tori-kun...
...every-one.
ERK..
BA-DUM...
He's holding hands with a girl!
Hee hee hee!
They're having fun running together, huh?
Oh...
No students here are named "the boys" or "the girls."
Yaaah!
You're all part of the same class.
It's a shame to divide your-selves up like that before you even get to know each other.

I made it this morning. Want some?
...everyone got a lecture, huh?
And so...
AWWOOO!
Let's all have a classroom discussion about this fight that divided the class!
So, in other words...
EEEP...
He's a veteran teacher. He really knows how to handle this stuff.
AAH!
The bullies were crying.
Everybody learned not to be mean.
...it's because you did something cool?
Do you think...
It tastes extra good today for some reason!
The taste floods your whole mouth...
Yeah?
To be continued...